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BORN TO THE MOST NOBLE OF ECHIDNA HOUSES, THE LATEST TO CONTINUE THE FAMILY HERITAGE AND RESPONSIBILITY AS GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, DEFENDER OF ALL FROM THE FORCES OF EVIL FROM THE WORLD BEYOND AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WOULD THREATEN WITHIN, HE IS NONE OTHER THAN KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

THE STORY THUS FAR...

A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN A COMET ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH ECHIDNAOPOLIS THREATENED DESTRUCTION, THE MAJORITY OF ECHIDNAS AGREED TO A PLAN WHICH RESULTED IN THE CREATION OF THE FLOATING ISLAND. ANOTHER SMALLER GROUP OF ECHIDNAS, HOWEVER, WISHED TO REMAIN PART OF THE LAND, AND SO TRAVERSED OVER THE FACE OF MOBIUS.

THROUGH THE CENTURIES, DESTINY CALLED UPON LEADERS KNOWN AS MITRES TO SHEPHERD THE TRIBE TO SAFETY. UNTIL RECENTLY, THE ECHIDNA KNOWN AS ATHAIR SERVED AS THE LATEST MITRE UNTIL CALLED UPON TO PERFORM A HIGHER TASK FOR THE ANCIENT WALKERS. NOT WISHING TO ABANDON THE TRIBE WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT, HE SELECTED HIS GREAT-GRANDSON KNUCKLES TO SERVE IN HIS STEAD.

AIDED BY THE DISCIPLE YANAR, KNUCKLES PROCEEDED TO LEAD THE TRIBE TOWARDS THAT WHICH THEY SOUGHT: THE LAND THEIR KIND ORIGINALLY SPRANG FROM. UNFORTUNATELY, ALONG THE WAY, TWO YOUNG ECHIDNA BOYS WANDERED OFF, FORCING KNUCKLES TO SEARCH FOR THEM. DURING HIS ABSENCE, THE TRIBE FELL INTO THE EVIL CLUTCHES OF THE HIGH SHERIFF OF SNOTTINGHAM, WHO PROMPTLY ENSLAVED THEM IN SERVICE OF HIS BIDDING.

DISSATISFIED WITH THE TRIBE'S EFFORTS, THE HIGH SHERIFF IS NOW ABOUT TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YANAR...

LACKADAY! I FEAR OUR FRIEND, THE HIGH SHERIFF PLANS TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF THAT POOR SOUL!

KNUCKLES! IT'S YANAR! WE HAVE TO SAVE HIM!

HE'S ONE OF YOURS, RAD-RED, SO YOU MAKE THE CALL!

OH-KAY!

WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE FAST, PEOPLE, SO HERE IT IS—

JUST BEFORE THE TRAP POOR SPRINGS, ROB HAS TO CUT THE ROPE—

—LEAVING BIG BLUE TO GET YANAR AWAY FROM THE SCENE!

MEANWHILE, MARI-AN WILL LEAD THE TRIBE OUT OF HARM'S WAY!

WHAT ABOUT ME?

I DIDN'T FORGET YOU, L'IL GUY!

YOU AND ME--

"—GET TO TAKE OUT THE BAD GUYS!"

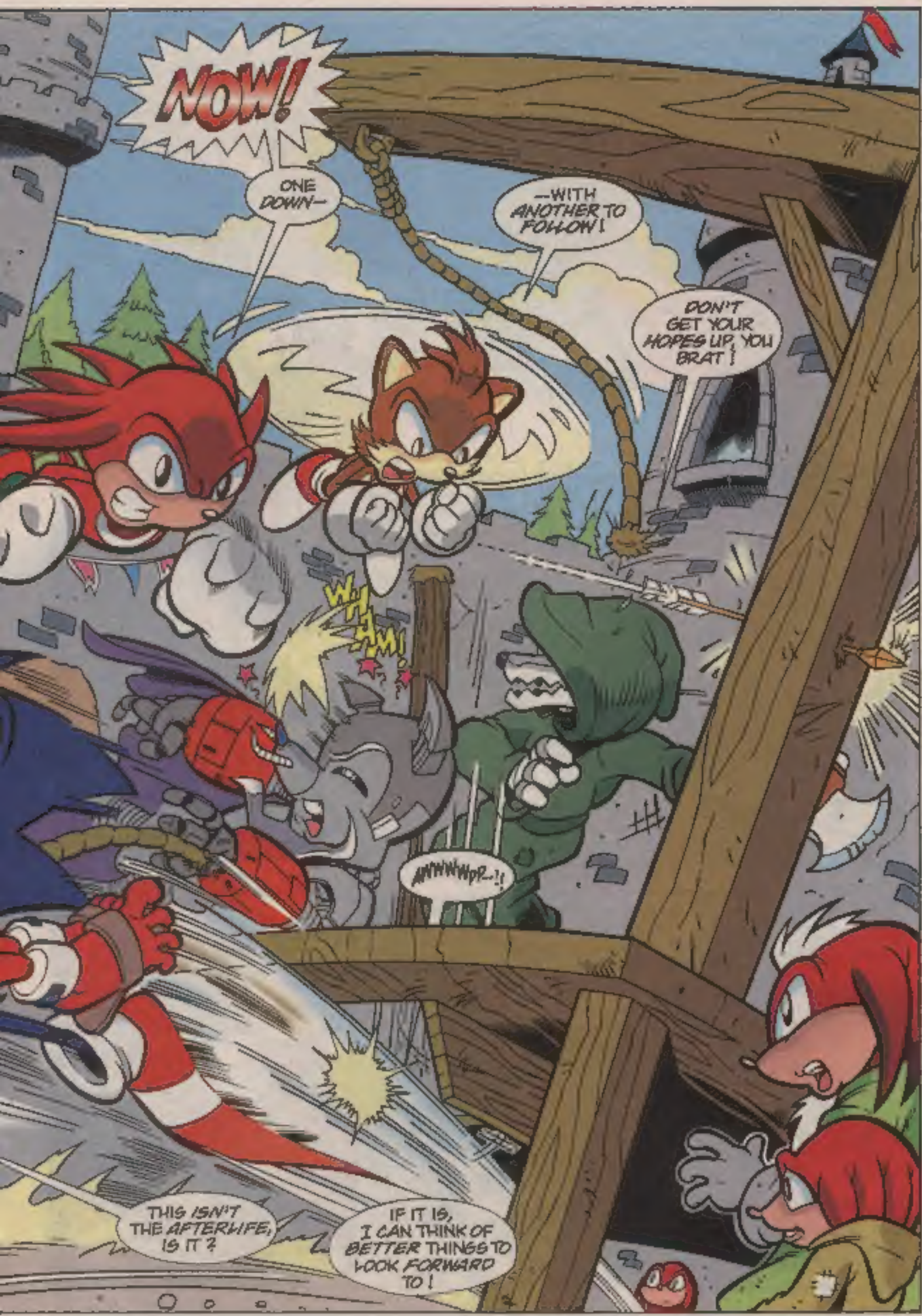
I'M SORRY I HAVE BUT ONE LIFE TO GIVE FOR MY PEOPLE!

HAVE YOU ANY LAST WORDS, KNAVE?

SO NOBLE, YET SO PATHETIC!

HANGMAN—

KNUCKLES 08
JOURNEY'S END
"--RELEASE THE DOOR!"
BULLSEYE!
AS USUAL!
TWANG!
SNAAP!
EVERYONE! FOLLOW ME!
YOU ARE ALL FREE ONCE MORE!
CAN IT BE--?
YES! YES! I TOLD YOU TO HAVE FAITH!


NOW!
ONE DOWN—
—WITH ANOTHER TO FOLLOW!
DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP, YOU BRAT!
WHAM!
AWWWWPR...!!
THIS ISN'T THE AFTERLIFE, IS IT?
IF IT IS, I CAN THINK OF BETTER THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

BACK, WRETCHED PEASANT.

IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN YOUR BEST TO OVERCOME THE HIGH SHERIFF!

WHOA! TALK ABOUT MISSING BY A WHISKER—!

WHOOOSH!

IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN YOUR BEST TO PUT ME AWAY, YOU TIN-PLATED TYRANT!

FOLLOW THE HEDGEHOG, EVERYONE!

HE'LL LEAD YOU TO SAFETY!

THAT LOOKS LIKE OUR TICKET OUT!

WE'LL SEE!

DOWN YOU GO, FRIEND!

YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY A FEATHERWEIGHT!

NOR, I SUSPECT, IS HE!

HAVEN'T YOU YET LEARNED?

METAL ALWAYS TRIUMPHS OVER FUR!

NOT ALWAYS, BASE VILLAIN!

THE PURE OF HEART WILL ALWAYS OVERCOME EVIL'S FOUL STENCH!

BAAM!

THANKS FOR THE SAVE!

INCLUDING THE LACKEYS!

QUICKLY, FRIEND KNUCKLES, MUCH AS I ENJOY ENGAGING THE HIGH SHERIFF IN BATTLE--

--OUR FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE THE INNOCENTS--

--BOTH YOURS AND MINE!

CAN'T SAY I DISAGREE!

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

KLANG!

BASH!

I'LL CREATE A DIVERSION SEPARATING THE TWO SIDES WHILE YOU LEAD YOUR PEOPLE AWAY!

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN TO ME!

FA-VOOOSH!

FA-VOOOSH!

CRUSH! DESTROY!

FOR A VICAR OF THE CLOTH, PADRE, YOU'RE SURE ONE UNFRIENDLY DUDE!

TIME-OUT, EVERYBODY!

NEXT ONE TAKES A SWING, ANSWERS TO ME!

STEP AWAY! THE FRIAR IS MY RESPONSIBILITY!

EVERYONE! THIS WAY!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! I HAVEN'T TAKEN OUT THE BAD GUY YET!

SCHUNK!
HEY!!!
FORGET WHOSE SIDE YOU'RE ON?
SCHUNK!
CRUSH-ALL-ENEMIES!
NOT EXACTLY FULL OF BROTHERLY LOVE, IS HE?

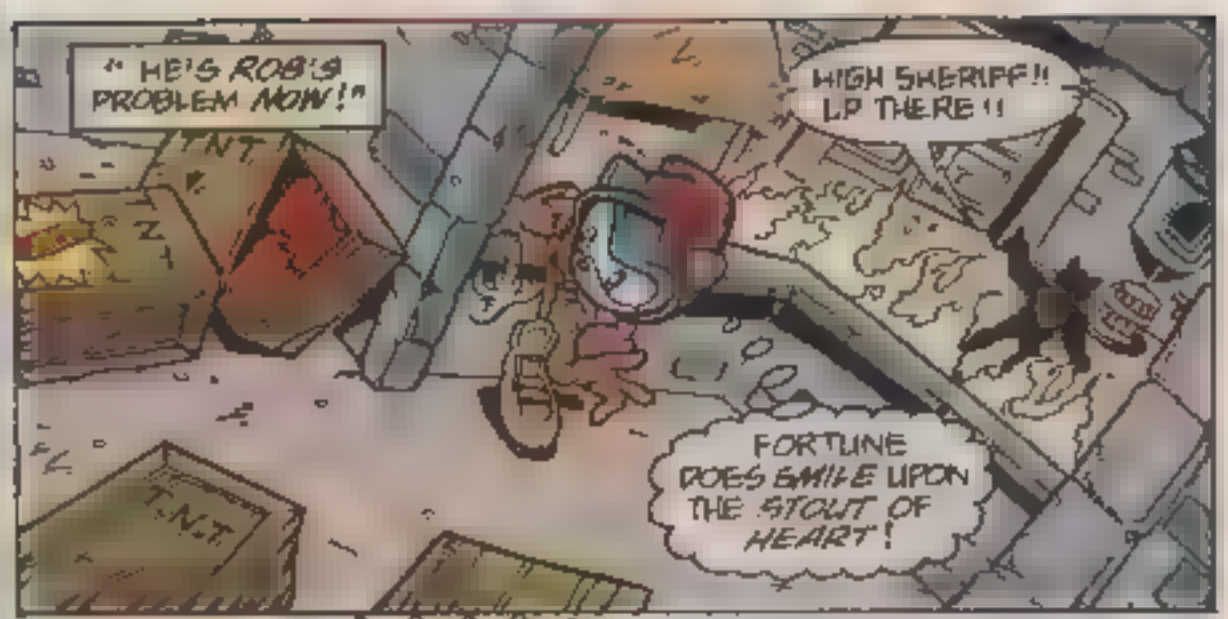
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT OL' BLUE HAS A POINT!
SOMEBODY'S BOUND TO BE HURT IF WE BRING YOUR GUYS WITH US!

THY WORDS HAVE THE CLARITY OF TRUTH!
HURRY THEN!
LEAD YOUR PEOPLE THROUGH THESE DOORS--
--WHILE I ENSURE NONE MAY OBSTRUCT YOUR PATH!

YOU HEARD THE ARCHER!
WE CAN'T GET GOING UNTIL EVERYONE GETS MOVING!

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE ROB BEHIND LIKE THIS, KNUCKLES!
WE'RE NOT LEAVING ROB! HE MADE A CHOICE!
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THEM! FIRST THINGS FIRST, THOUGH!
AND WHAT ABOUT MY BROTHERS?
SONIC! WHAT ABOUT THE GENERAL?
WHAT WILL WE TELL ANTOINE?

WE TELL ANTOINE ZIP!
UNTIL WE LANDED HERE WE WERE JUST AS CLUELESS!


" HE'S ROB'S PROBLEM NOW!"
HIGH SHERIFF!! UP THERE!!
FORTUNE DOES SMILE UPON THE STOUT OF HEART!
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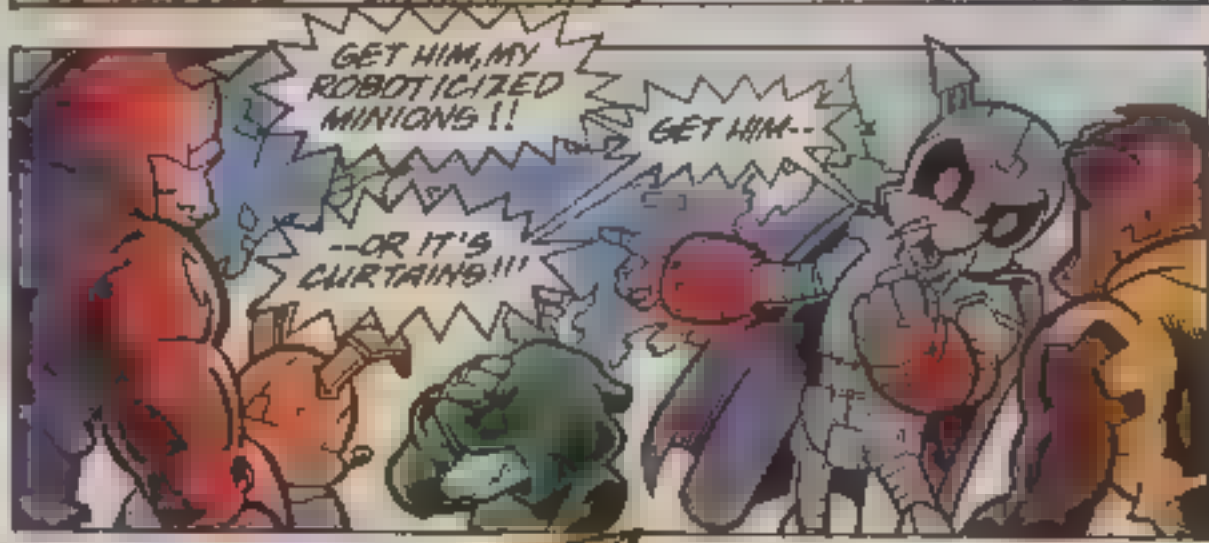
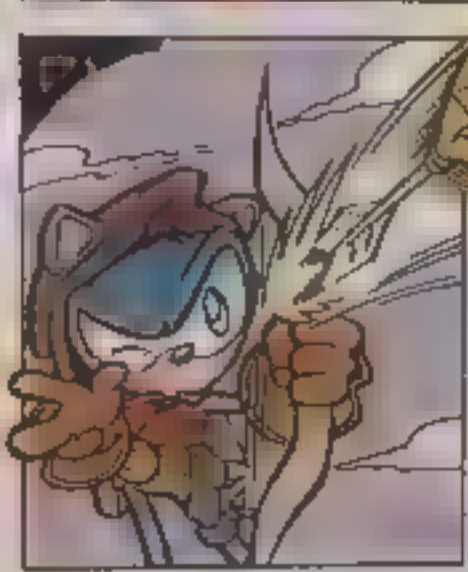
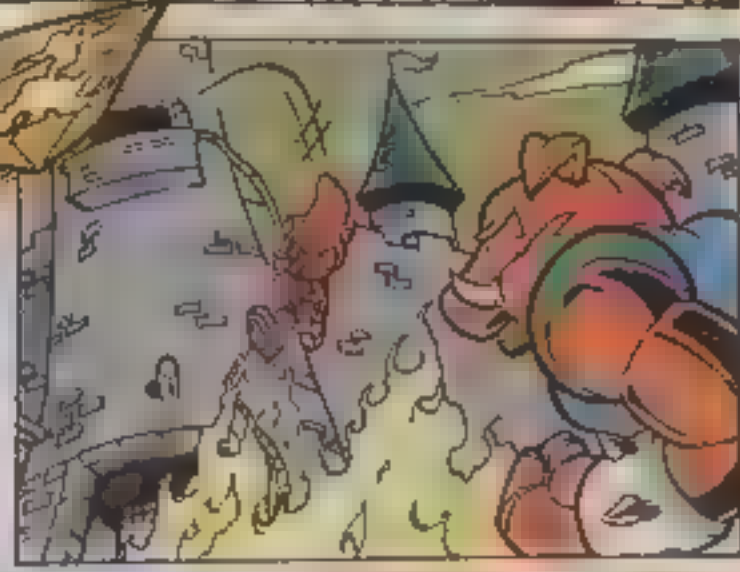
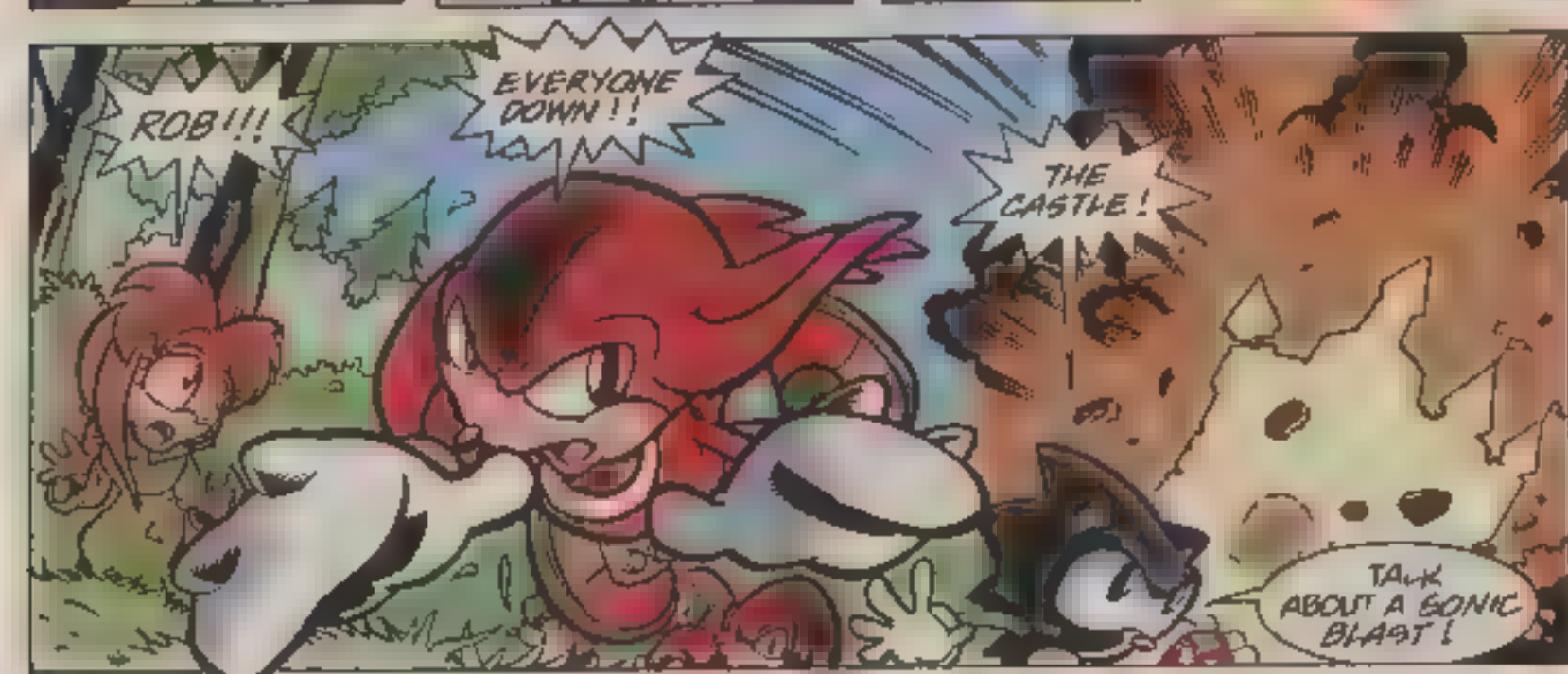

GET HIM, MY ROBOTICIZED MINIONS!!
GET HIM--
--OR IT'S CURTAINS!!!






ROB!!!
EVERYONE DOWN!!
THE CASTLE!
TALK ABOUT A SONIC BLAST!

BUT WHAT OF ROB?
AWWW HE'S OKAY!
HE PROBABLY SUFFERED ONLY A SCRATCH!
SONIC'S RIGHT!

IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF WE LOST HIM AFTER ENDURING ALL THOSE YEARS OF HARDSHIP!
YEARS?

WE WERE ONLY IMPRISONED—
WAIT! IT'S ROB O' THE HEDGE!!!
HE MADE IT!
A BIT SHAKEN, BUT NOT STIRRED, FAIR MAIDEN—

—AND I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING I'M CERTAIN IS NEAR AND DEAR TO YOU!
ZAX!
RAYNOR!

I FOUND THEM WANDERING IN THE WOODS, AND HAD THEM TAKE SHELTER IN MY TREEHUT, UNTIL I COULD RETURN THEM TO WHERE'ER THEY RIGHTFULLY BELONGED!
HOWEVER CAN I THANK YOU?

« MERELY PART OF A DAY'S LABOUR, BEAUTEOUS ONE ! »
WELL, LOCKE ?
AT THIS MOMENT, DEO, HAWKING'S TOO WEAK TO PULL THROUGH BY HIMSELF !
IRONIC, ISN'T IT ?
OUR SOCIETY WENT TO WAR WITH ITSELF OVER THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY !
TECHNOLOGY HAWKING DEPENDS ON TO DRAW ANOTHER BREATH !
YOUR SOCIETY WENT TO WAR BECAUSE OF SELFISH INDIVIDUALS ABUSING THAT TECHNOLOGY, LOCKE !
BUT WHEREAS THE DARK LEGION EPITOMIZED ALL THAT WAS BAD--
-THE GUARDIANS CAME TO SYMBOLIZE ALL THAT WAS GOOD !
COMM-PANEL !
WE'RE BE NG PAGED !
BEEP ! BEEP ! BEEP.

CONSTABLE REMINGTON! WHAT BRINGS YOU CALLING?

I HAVE THE LATEST REPORT FOR YOUR REVIEW, SIR!

THE KEY POINTS WILL DO FOR NOW, CONSTABLE!

AS YOU PREFER, SIR!

FOR STARTERS, THE CHAOTIX HAVE ACCEPTED THEIR ASSIGNMENT-

-ALBEIT SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY!

THE SOURCE OF THEIR RESISTANCE BEING--?

WHY, JULIE-SU, OF COURSE--

--AND I CAN HONESTLY SAY I SHARE THEIR FEELINGS!

TRUST ME!

THIS GOES DEEPER THAN ANY OF US MAY LIKE!

SPEAKING OF DEEP, GUARDIAN--

-LARA-LE HAS VISITED WITH ME AGAIN!*

SHE'S MOST PERSISTENT IN WANTING TO SEE YOU!

WHAT SHALL I TELL HER?

* SHE VISITED HIM THE FIRST TIME IN KNUX #8 BACK ISSUE JFG

TELL HER?

TELL HER I'LL BE IN CONTACT SOON!

LOCKE OUT!

AS LOCKE CONTEMPLATES HIS NEXT COURSE OF ACTION, HALF-WAY AROUND THE FACE OF MOBIUS, OTHERS PONDER THEIRS...

HOW WILL YOU FARE, NOW YOU'RE ALONE, DEAR HEART?

I'M OBLIGED TO AID MY FELLOW CRITTERS, FAIR MARI-AN!

SO WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH YOU AND THE LI'L FELLER, BLUE?

DOESN'T SEEM THE SAME WITHOUT THE GANG!

YEAH, WELL, GAL'S BUSY WITH THE PRINCESS GIG—

--SO TAILS AND I DECIDED TO CHECK THINGS OUT WHILE MOBOTROPOLIS IS BEING REBUILT!*

* CHECK OUT SONIC #57 FOR THE DETAILS - JUSTIN!

YOU'RE WELCOME TO DROP IN ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

THANKS! THAT MAY BE—

—EH?

SONIC!!

I FOUND THE BI-PLANE!

ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!

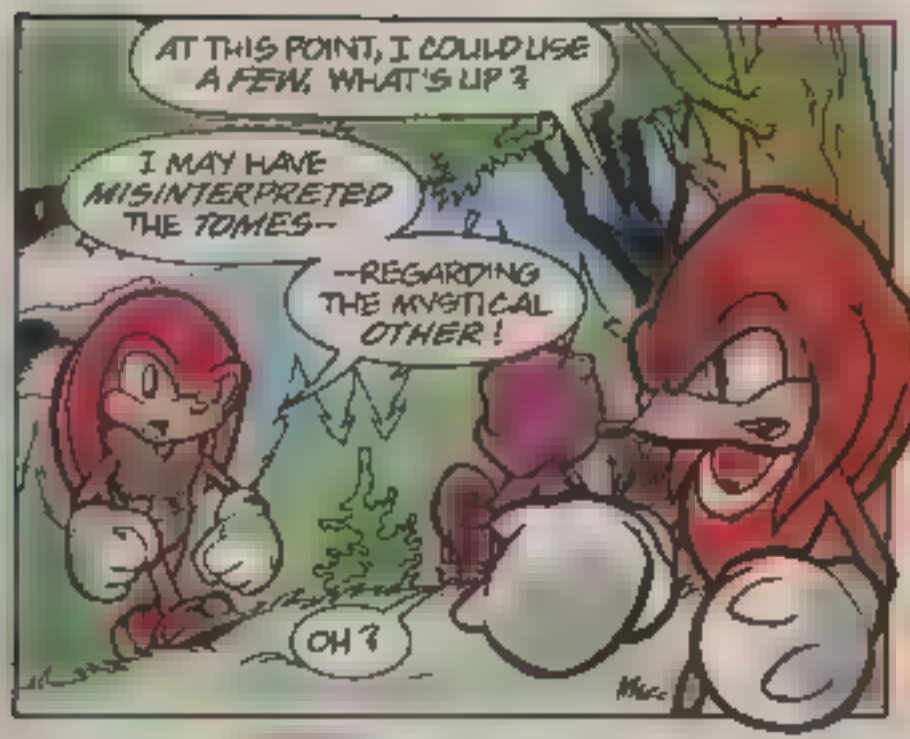
TIME TO BOOGIE, RED!

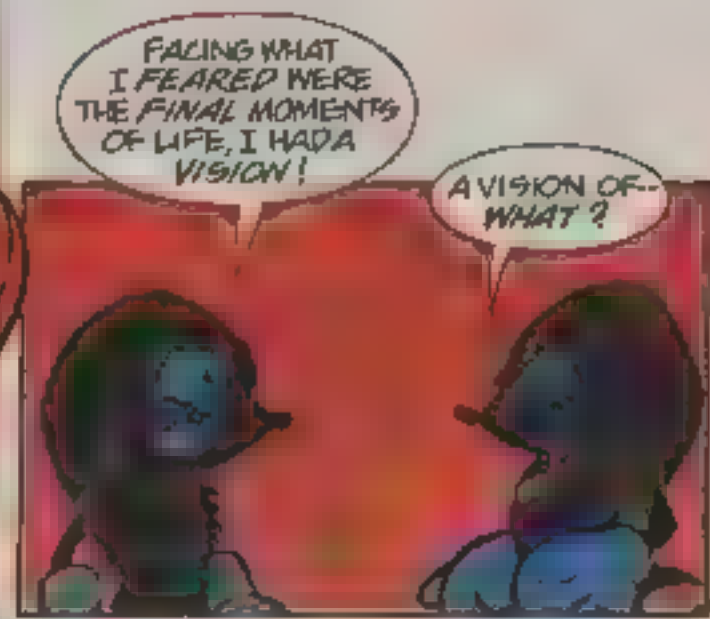
BE COOL!

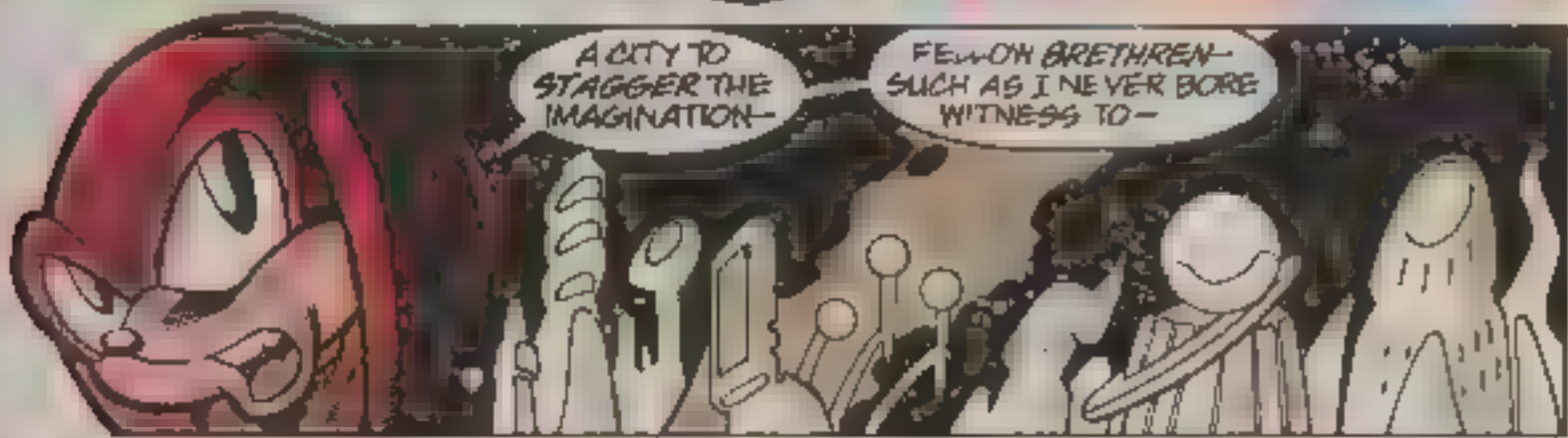
YOU, TOO, BLUE!

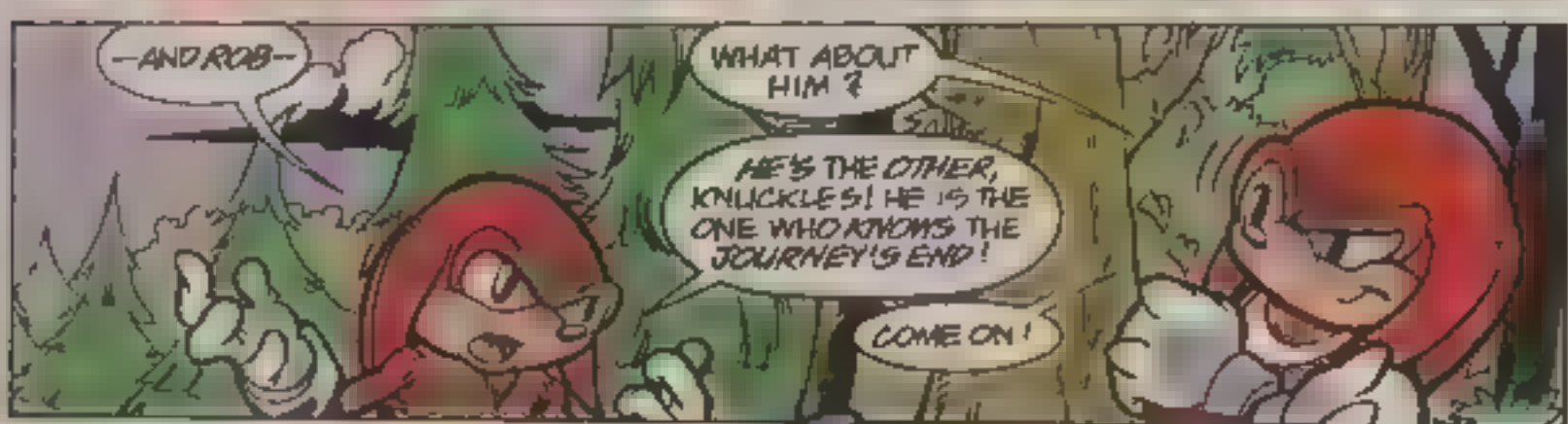
DON'T BE A STRANGER!

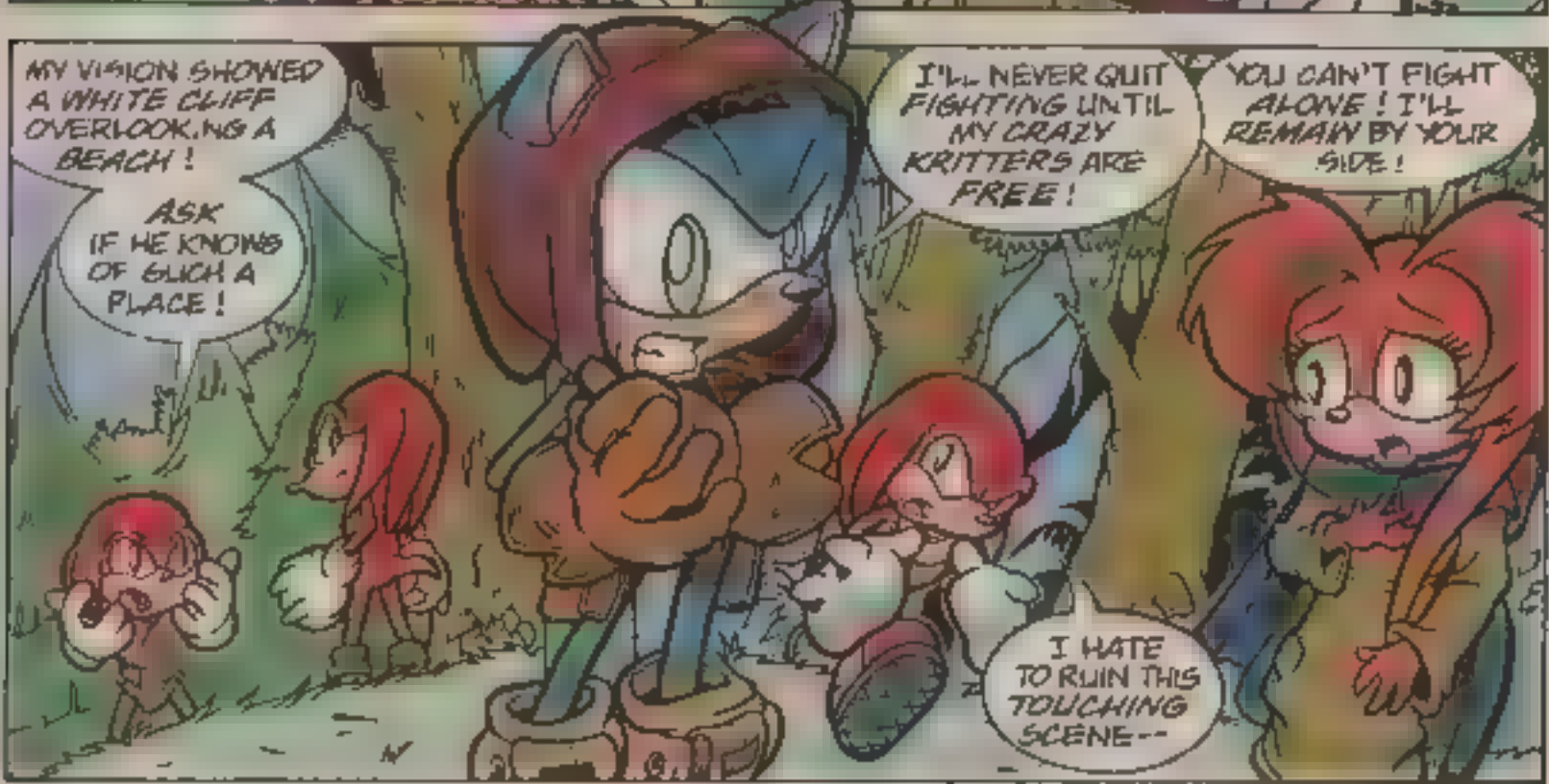
A WORD WITH YOU, IF I MAY, KNUCKLES!

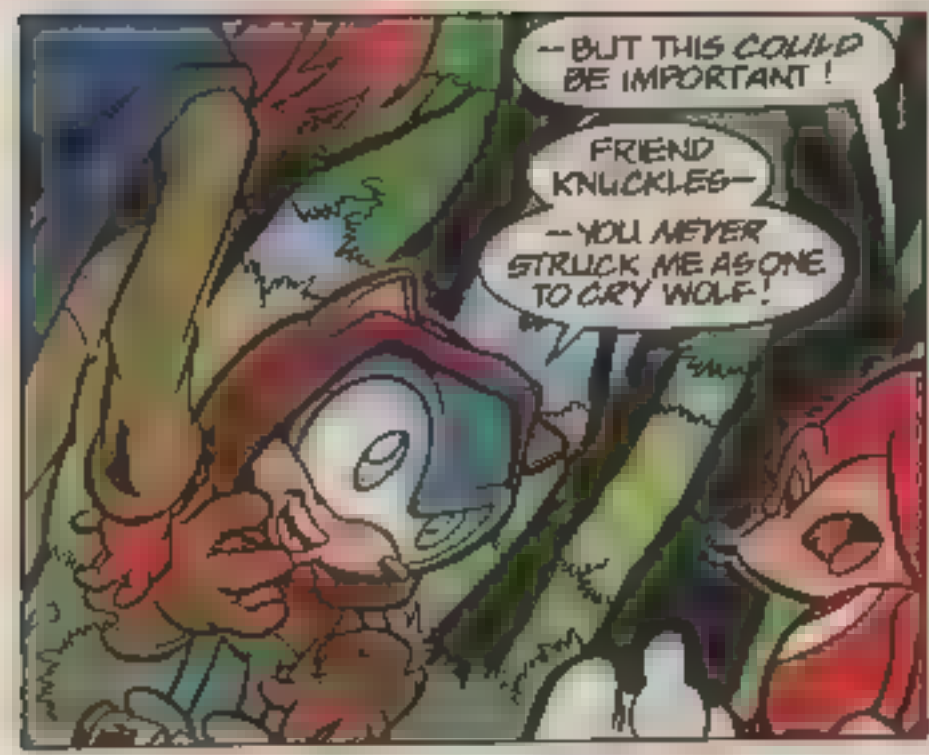

AT THIS POINT, I COULD USE A FEW. WHAT'S UP?
I MAY HAVE MISINTERPRETED THE TOMES--
--REGARDING THE MYSTICAL OTHER!
OH?

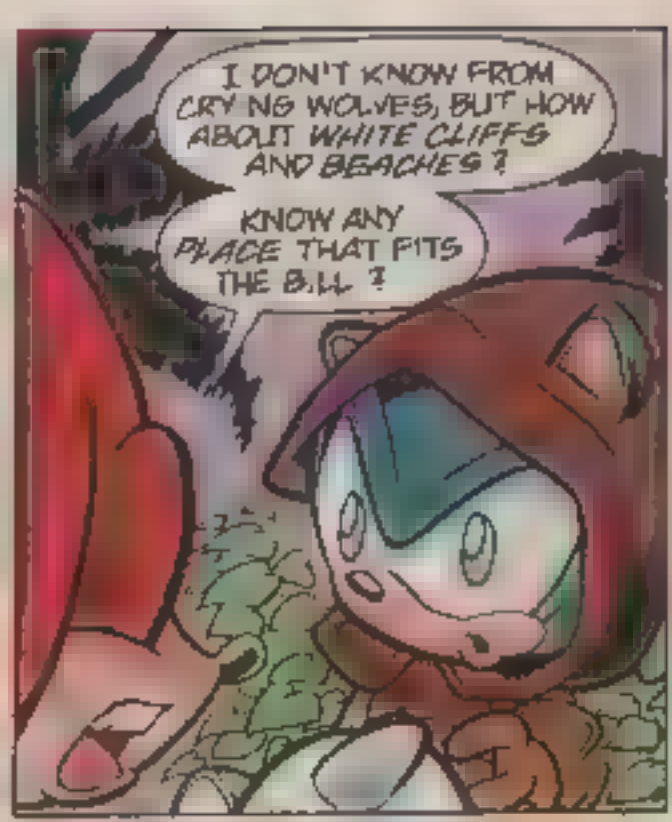

FACING WHAT I FEARED WERE THE FINAL MOMENTS OF LIFE, I HAD A VISION!
A VISION OF-- WHAT?

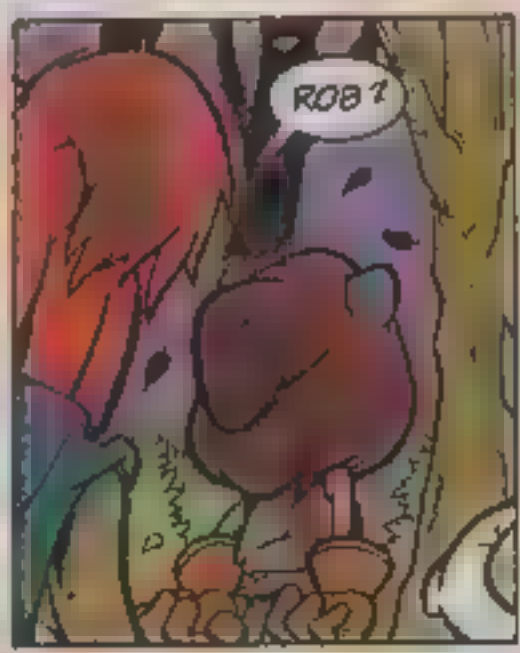

A CITY TO STAGGER THE IMAGINATION--
FELLOW BRETHREN-- SUCH AS I NEVER BORE WITNESS TO--


--AND ROB--
WHAT ABOUT HIM?
HE'S THE OTHER, KNUCKLES! HE IS THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE JOURNEY'S END!
COME ON!


MY VISION SHOWED A WHITE CLIFF OVERLOOKING A BEACH!
ASK IF HE KNOWS OF SUCH A PLACE!
I'LL NEVER QUIT FIGHTING UNTIL MY CRAZY KRITTERS ARE FREE!
YOU CAN'T FIGHT ALONE! I'LL REMAIN BY YOUR SIDE!
I HATE TO RUIN THIS TOUCHING SCENE--


--BUT THIS COULD BE IMPORTANT!
FRIEND KNUCKLES--
--YOU NEVER STRUCK ME AS ONE TO CRY WOLF!


I DON'T KNOW FROM CRYING WOLVES, BUT HOW ABOUT WHITE CLIFFS AND BEACHES?
KNOW ANY PLACE THAT FITS THE BILL?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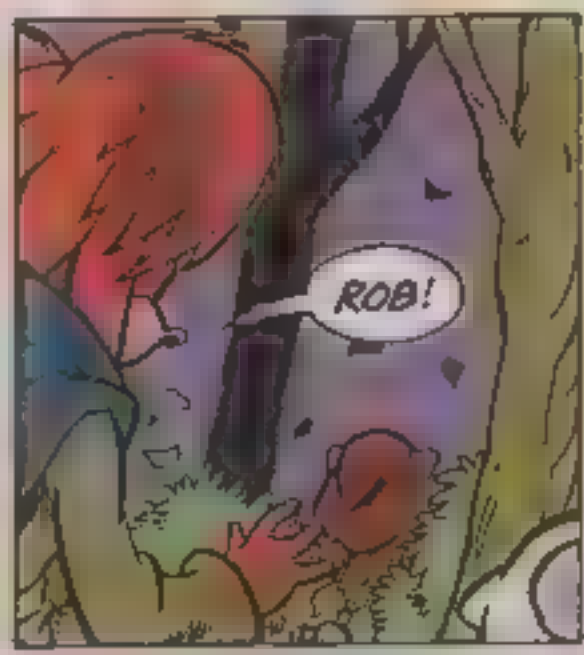
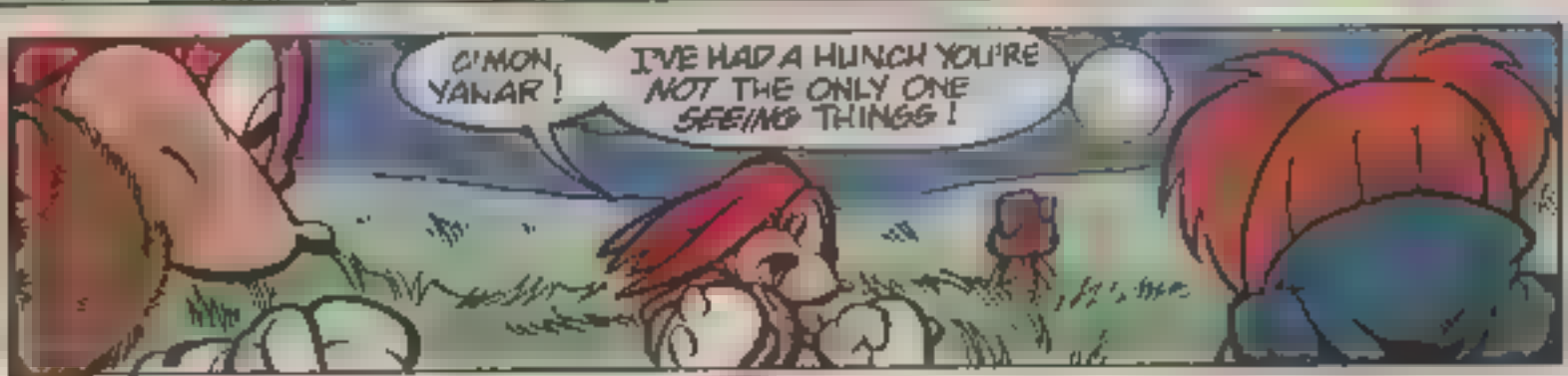
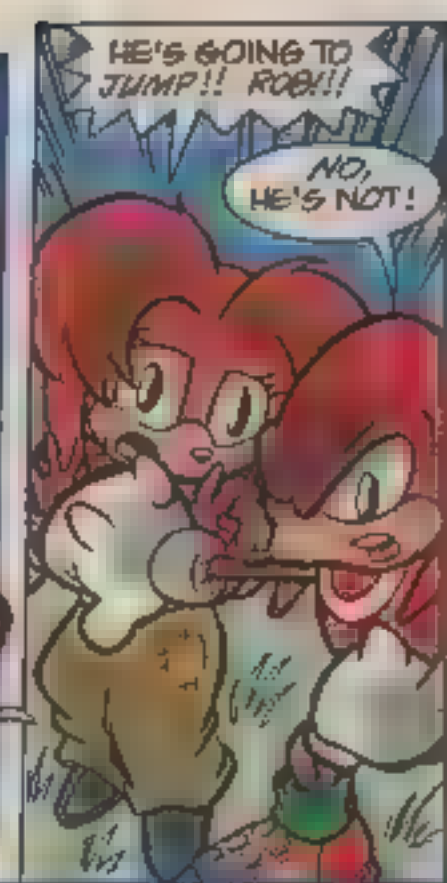

ROB!

KNUCKLES! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HIM?!!
GET A GRIP, MARI-AN!
I'M AS MUCH IN THE DARK AS YOU!

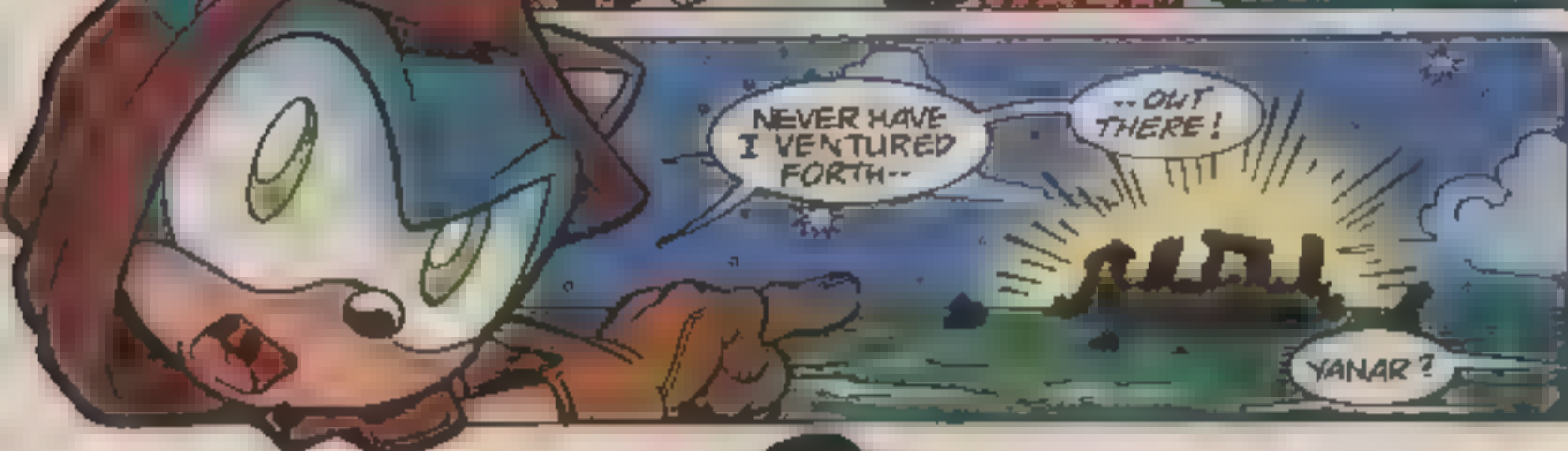

C'MON, YANAR!
I'VE HAD A HUNCH YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE SEEING THINGS!

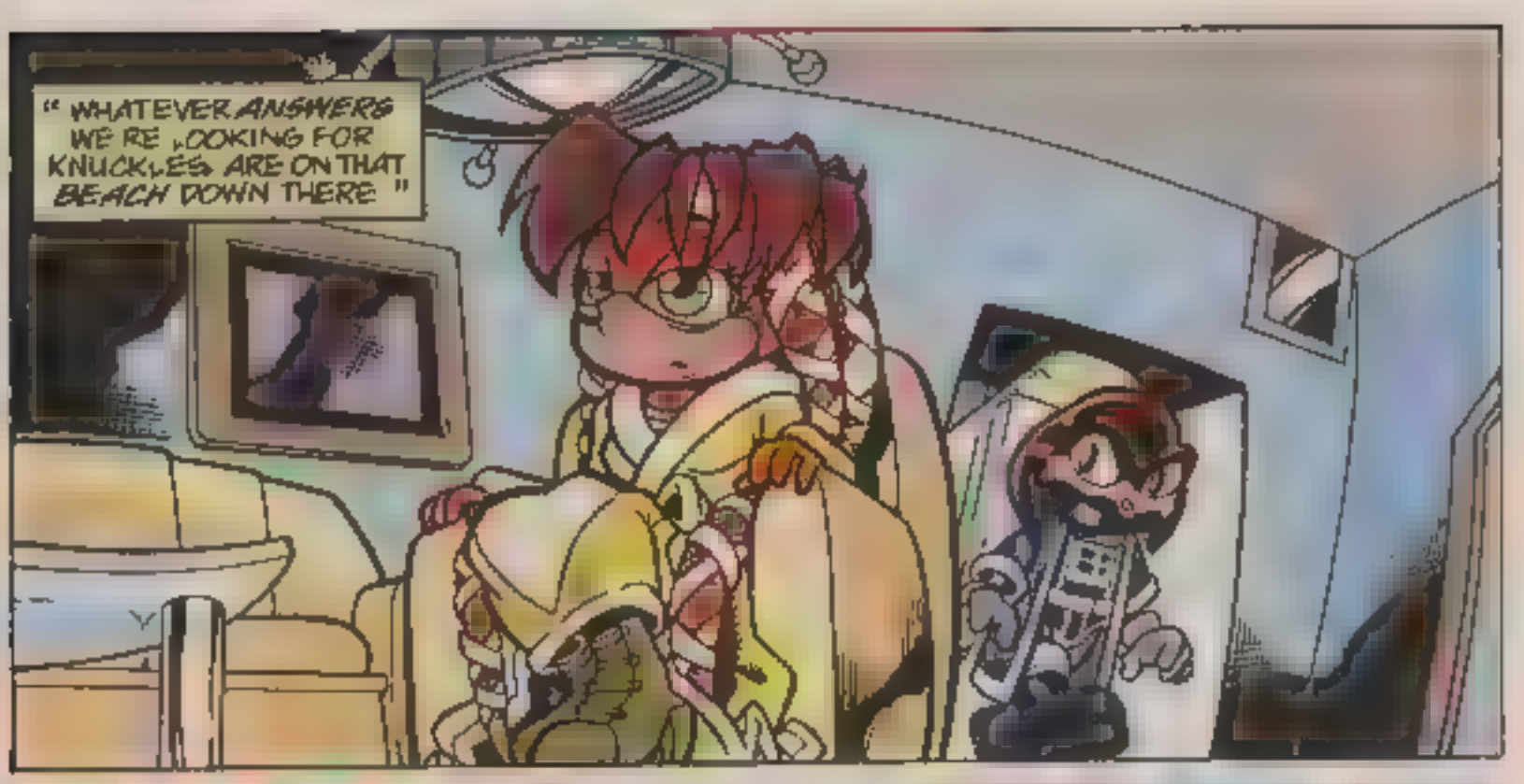
HURRY, KNUCKLES!

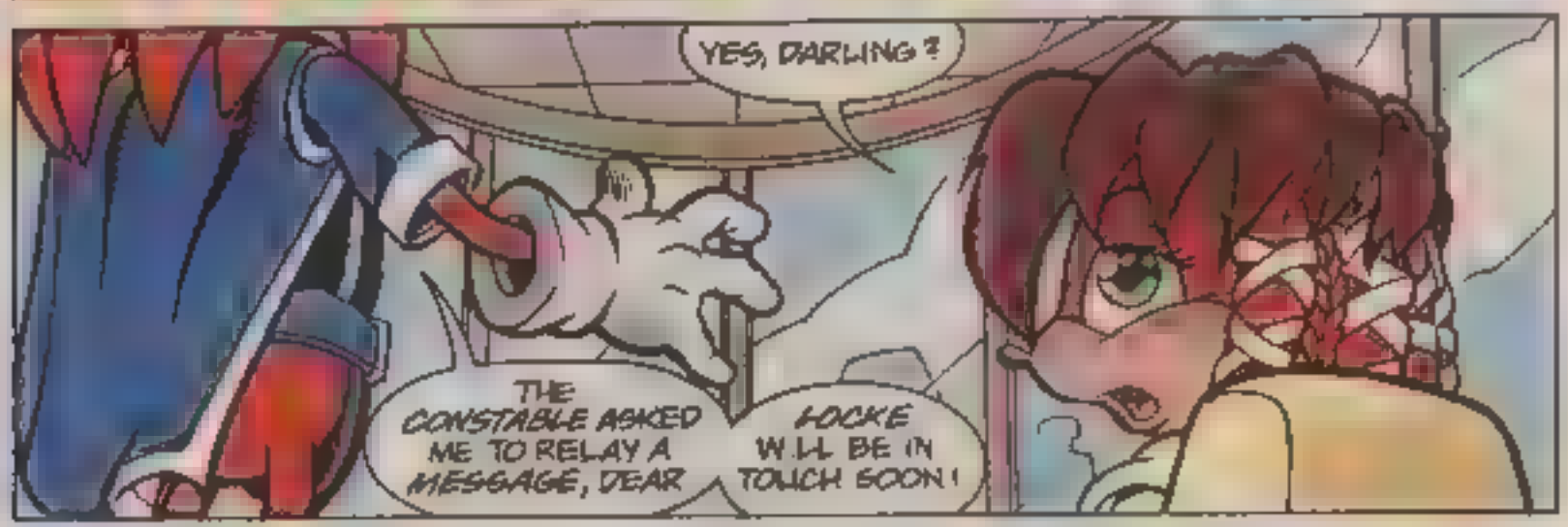
HE'S WALKING TOWARDS THE LEDGE!!


HE'S GOING TO JUMP!! ROB!!!
NO, HE'S NOT!

YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE!
THE SIREN CALL BECKONS ME--
--YET I KNOW NOT WHY!


NEVER HAVE I VENTURED FORTH--
--OUT THERE!
YANAR?


" WHATEVER ANSWERS WE'RE LOOKING FOR KNUCKLES ARE ON THAT BEACH DOWN THERE "


YES, DARLING?
THE CONSTABLE ASKED ME TO RELAY A MESSAGE, DEAR
LOCKE WILL BE IN TOUCH SOON!

THAT WAS ALL?
THE CONSTABLE IS ONE FOR BREVITY!

NO, MORE LIKE LOCKE—

"...WHO NEVER WAS ONE MUCH FOR CONVERSATION."

I'VE NEVER SOJOURNED TO THAT FAIR ISLE. MY HOME IS THIS FOREST.

BUT ALWAYS I'VE STOOD WATCH.

YOU'RE A SENTRY?

AYE! AND ONLY RIGHTFUL SOULS CAN GET PAST ME!

SUCH ARE YOU!

HOW DO YOU KNOW WE'RE--WORTHY?

SOME THINGS, MY FRIEND, ARE SEEN WITH THE HEART!

IT MAKES SENSE, KNUCKLES!

THE TOMES STATE THE LAST LEG OF THE JOURNEY REQUIRES A BOLD HEART TO PASS UPON ALBION'S WAKE!

I CAN'T EVEN SWIM!

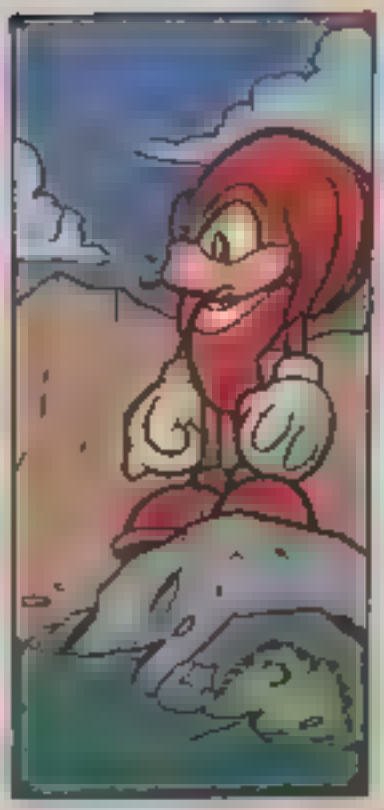
YOU MEAN WALK ACROSS THE WATER?

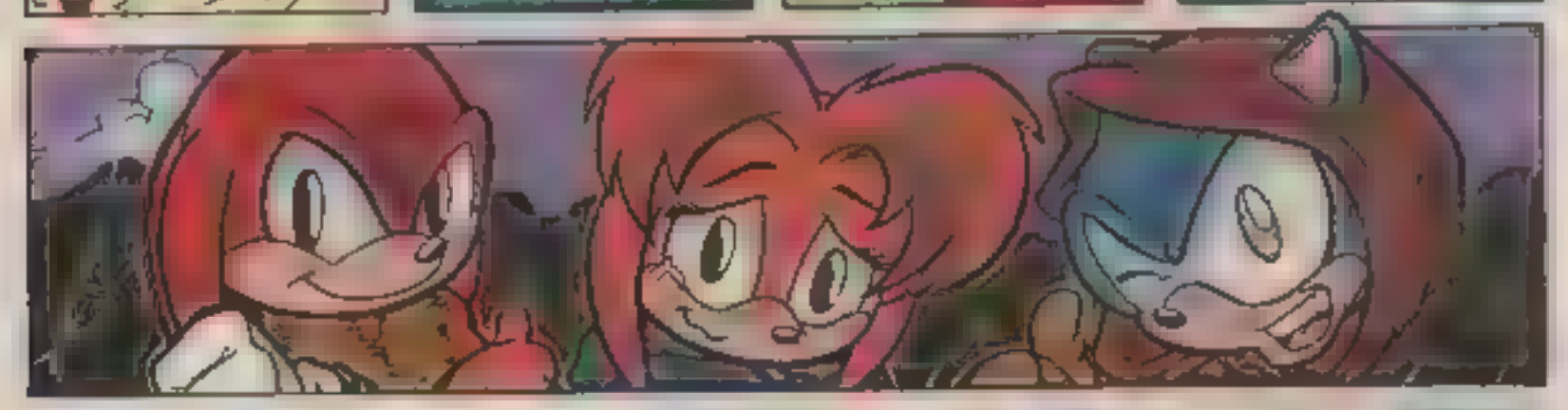
I MERELY STATE WHAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN!

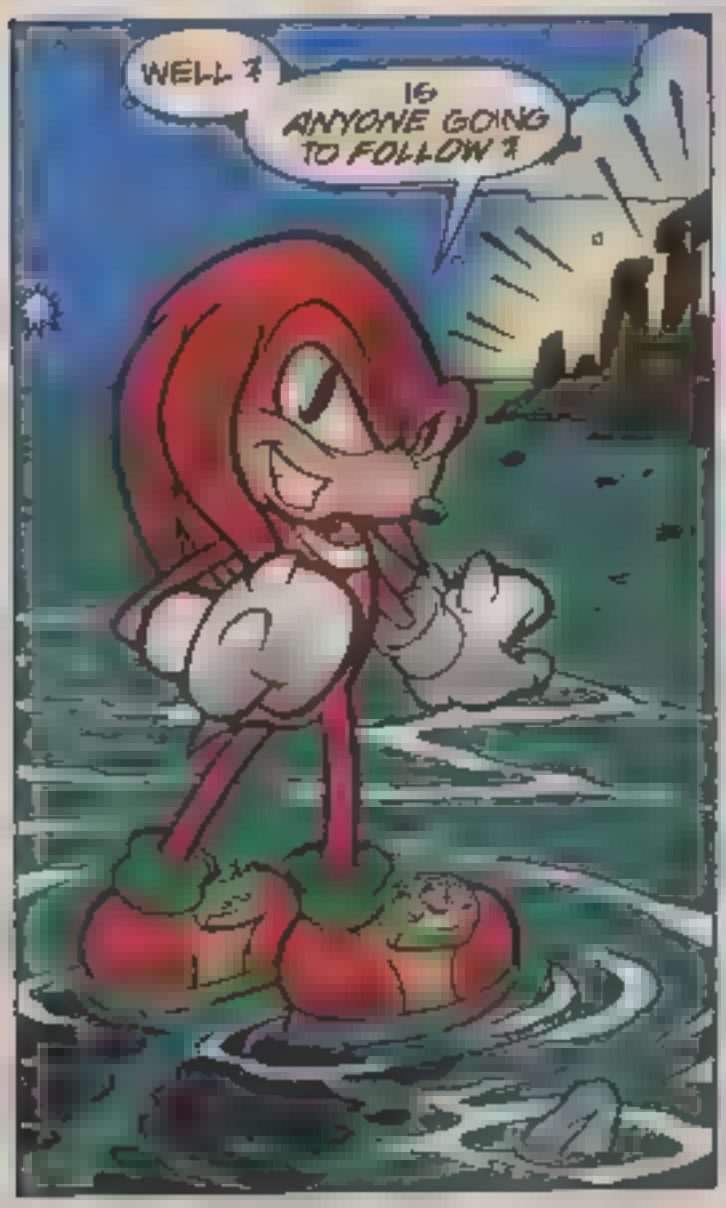
ALL IT REQUIRES IS A LEAP OF FAITH!

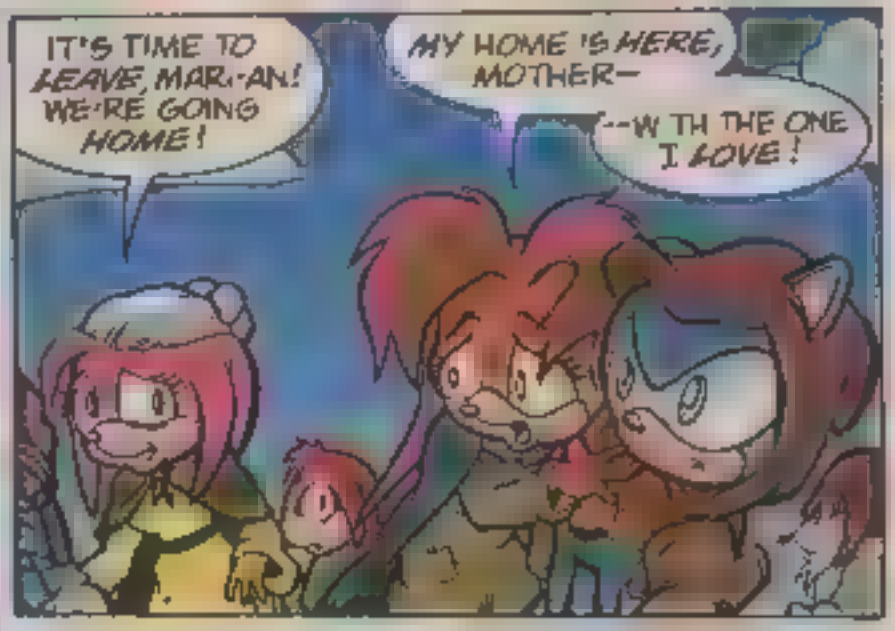
THE QUESTION IS--

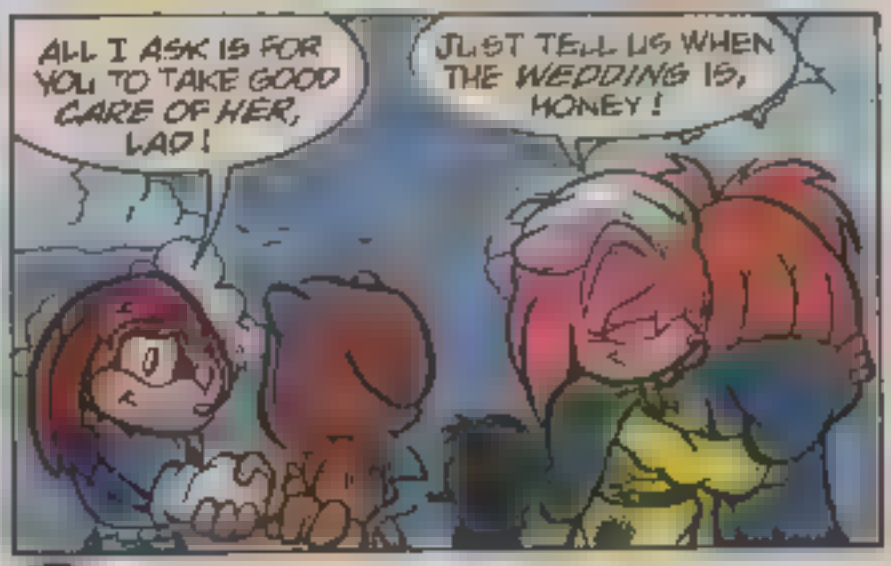
-DO YOU HAVE THAT FAITH ?






WELL ?
IS ANYONE GOING TO FOLLOW ?


IT'S TIME TO LEAVE, MARI-AN! WE'RE GOING HOME!
MY HOME IS HERE, MOTHER—
--WITH THE ONE I LOVE!


ALL I ASK IS FOR YOU TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER, LAD!
JUST TELL US WHEN THE WEDDING IS, HONEY!

"YOU'LL BE THE *FIRST* TO KNOW."

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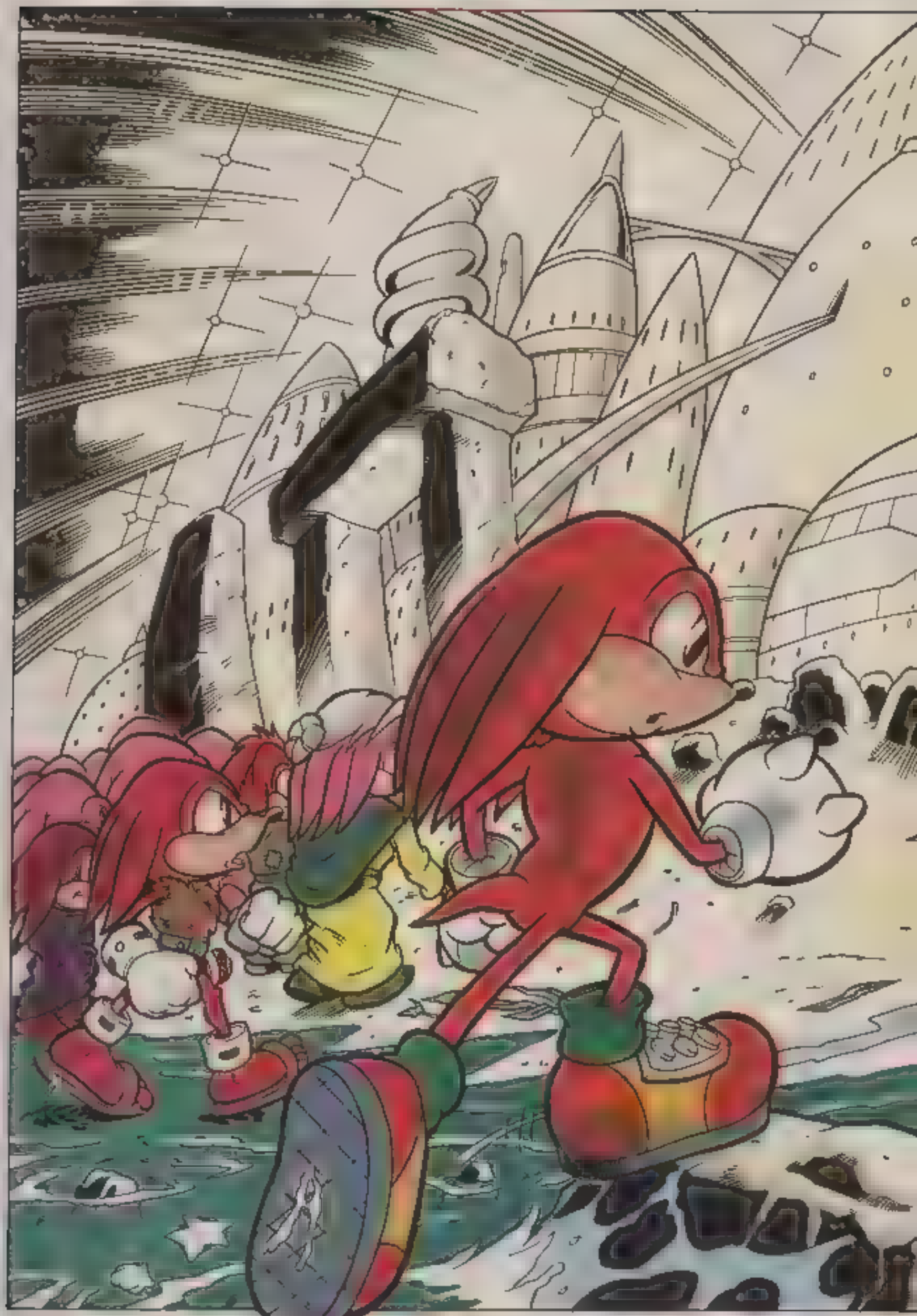

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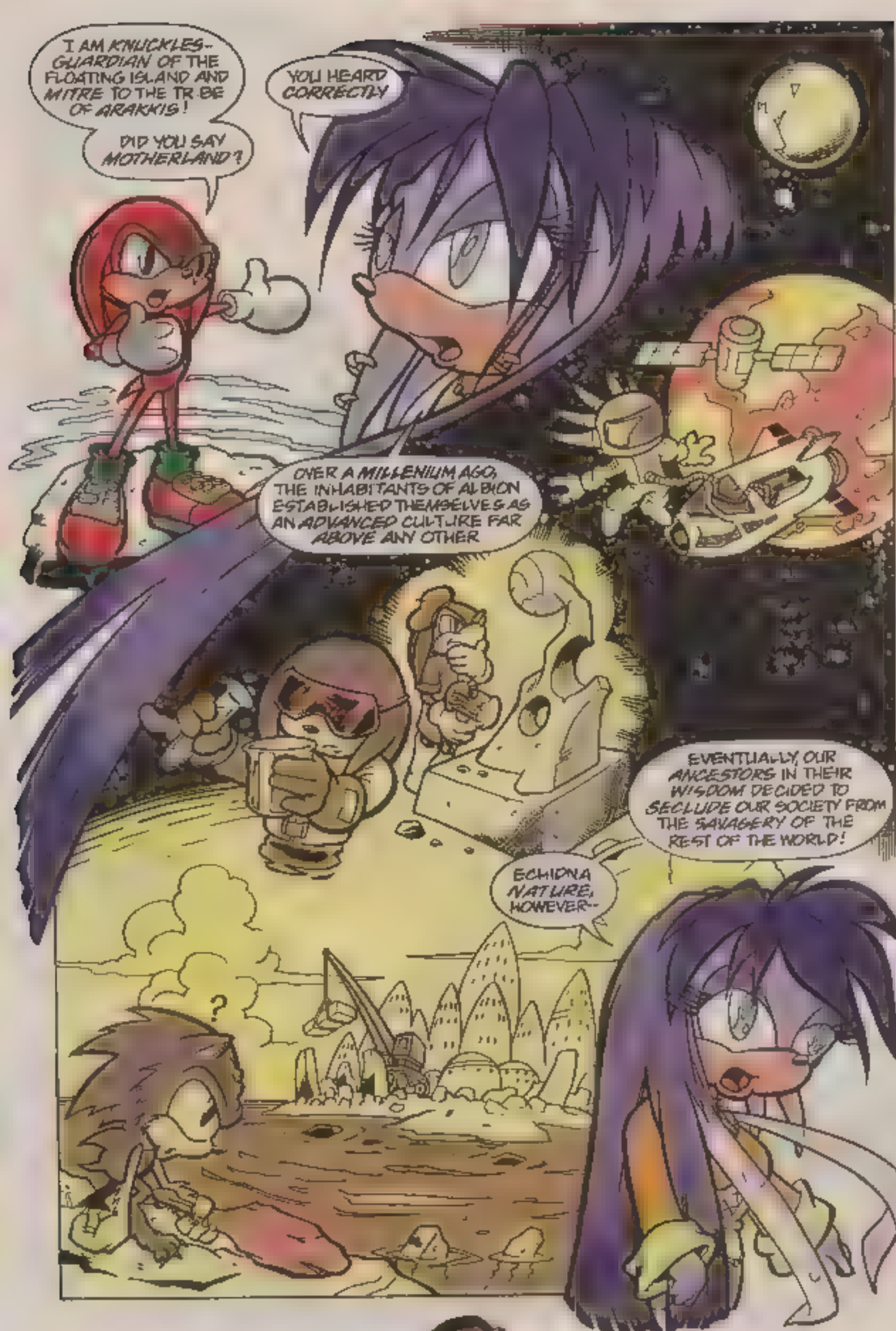
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OVER A MILLENIUM AGO, THE INHABITANTS OF ALBION ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES AS AN ADVANCED CULTURE FAR ABOVE ANY OTHER
EVENTUALLY, OUR ANCESTORS IN THEIR WISDOM DECIDED TO SECLUDE OUR SOCIETY FROM THE SAVAGERY OF THE REST OF THE WORLD!
ECHIDNA NATURE, HOWEVER--
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—IS DRIVEN BY THE NEED TO STRIVE FOR HIGHER LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT!
EVENTUALLY, A FEW HARDY SOULS VENTURED FORTH—
--EVENTUALLY CREATING THE COLONY OF ECHIDNAOPOLIS IN DOWNUNDA!
THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, EH?
WE HAVE WATCHED WITH CONSIDERABLE SADNESS AT OUR BRETHREN'S PLIGHT THROUGH THE AGES.
ALBION HAS ALWAYS STOOD AS A SANCTUARY FOR ECHIDNAS EVERYWHERE--
--AND IT IS WITH GREAT JOY WE CELEBRATE YOUR JOURNEY'S END!
ENTER NOW! RECLAIM WHAT IS YOURS!
ATHAIR—AND EVERY MITRE BEFORE HIM—WOULD BE PROUD OF YOU, KNUCKLES!
WHY IS IT YOUR HEART HANGS SO HEAVY?

THIS MAY BE HOME TO YOU GUYS, YANAR—BUT IT'S NOT MY HOME!

I BELONG BACK ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

ATHAIR MUST HAVE KNOWN YOU WELL!

HE ANTICIPATED SUCH FEELINGS ON YOUR PART AND LEFT THIS FOR ME TO PASS ON TO YOU!

IT'S A GUIDING STAR GEM!

IS THAT SO?

ATHAIR FELT YOU POSSESSED THE INSIGHT REGARDING IT'S USE!

AS I DO!

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, MY FRIEND!

YOU HAVE OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS!

END

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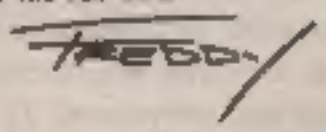

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THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING!

Dear Knuckles,

I just found your comic series and was blown away! I love the storyline and he artwork is to die for! I knew there was a Sonic comic book but I didn't know you did. I was hooked even before I read it. It happened the moment my brother brought an issue home and explained to me what was going on in your series. Do you and Sonic ever see each other any more now that you've become so busy on The Floating Island!

Sarah McIwain (age 15)
Round Rock, TX

Thanks for the ultra kind words, Sarah. As you can see, my book is just as adventureous as Sonic's. More things will develop in future issues so keep reading. As you can see, I just had another meeting with everyone's favorite blue blur but who knows when I'll see him again.

Dear Knuckles,

I am in love with the "Knuckles The Echidna" series! I really admire you and have a few questions to boot: 1) Who is Jenna? Knuckles' father and grandfather mentioned her in KNUCKLES #5, page one and two. 2) Who did the art in that issue again? 3) If I help keep The Floating Island safe and clean, can I become a part of The Chaotix? 4) How could you be in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #1: BATTLE ROYAL, SONIC #50 and in your own series all at the same time?

Megan "The real Ruby Echidna" Legge
(age 15)
Port Williams, NS
Canada

1) The person Knuckles' father, Locke and Knuckles' grandfather, Sabre were discussing is Sabre's wife, Jenna. 2) Knuckles' regular art team of Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy did that issue. 3) I consider anyone who reads my issue on a monthly basis to be an honorary member of The Chaotix.

4) Though they all printed around the same time, they did not all happen at the same time. The following is a rundown of my appearances in order of events: Sonic #46, Sonic Super Special #1- Battle Royal, Sonic #47-50, Knuckles #1-6, Sonic #53, Knuckles #7-9, Sonic #56, Knuckles #10-11, Sonic #58, Knuckles #12. Get it? Got it? Good.

Dear Knux,

I love the game Knuckles' Chaotix and have beaten the game with every member of The Chaotix. 1) In SONIC #36, specifically in the Knuckles solo story, it claimed that the Echidnas tore down Echidnaopolis at the time of Edmund. In KNUCKLES #5, Hawking claimed his use of the Hyper Zone Projector. Which is correct? 2)How could Sonic and Mighty be old friends? Didn't they just meet? 3) Are Heavy and Bonk still part of The Chaotix?

Jace Bandolin (age 13)
Novato, CA

1) The way the story was told to me, the Echidnas tore down their city. I wasn't told the truth about what really happened to Echidnaopolis until Hawking did in that very issue you mentioned. 2) It seems they met a long time ago. Look for an upcoming story in Sonic's comic to reveal the details of that meeting. 3) No. After we worked together in KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX #1, they decided to try to live a life of peace on The Floating Island. I have not heard from them since but learned that they will show up soon in Sonic's book.

Hey Knux,

I'm so glad you finally got your own comic series. I love it! Manny Galan's penciling is really great. Also I really liked the connecting cover illustrations for **KNUCKLES #4-6.** Anyway, I just have a few questions: 1) Has there ever been a female guardian of The Floating Island? 2) How old were you when your father entered The Forbidden Zone?
Tell Julie-Su I think she's very cool!

Marissa R. Barrio (age 15)
SoLuna@mznet.com
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I agree. I think Manny Galan's penciling really illustrates my adventures with style and flair. Thanks, Manny. 1) As I'm sure you found out in our last issue, Athair's mother was the first recorded female Guardian of The Floating Island. 2) I was nine when my father entered the Forbidden Zone.

So until next month, stay cool!